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SUBJ: VISIT OF PROFESSORS MARTIN AND ANN DIAMOND

1. DURING THEIR MARCH 1-7 VISIT TO BUCHAREST, PROFESSORS MARTIN AND ANN DIAMOND MADE A SUCCESSFUL AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR POLITICAL CONTACTS AND DIALOGUE. MARTIN DIAMOND (CU/STAG) AND ANN DIAMOND (USIA VOLUNTARY SPEAKER) WERE SCHEDULED FOR JOINT AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS THAT WERE EXPERIMENTAL IN AN IMPORTANT SENSE. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THE EMBASSY AND AMERICAN LIBRARY OFFICIALLY SPONSORED THE APPEARANCE OF AMERICAN POLITICAL SPECIALISTS FOR SUCH EXTENSIVE CONTACT AND DISCUSSION IN SENSITIVE AREAS OF POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL AFFAIRS. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE ROMANIAN POLITICAL PROCESS CAN TOLERATE SUCH FREE-WHEELING DISCUSSION OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS AS CARRIED ON BY THE DIAMONDS IS NOT YET CLEAR. WE FEEL SUCH DISCUSSION IS HIGHLY USEFUL FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW BUT WE ARE ALSO AWARE THAT IT OFFERS, AT LEAST BY IMPLICATION, A NOT ENTIRELY WELCOMED CHALLENGE TO THE POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL BASIS OF THE ROMANIAN PROCESS IN THE VIEW OF SOME OF OUR HOSTS HERE. NONETHELESS, WE BELIEVE THE DIAMONDS' APPEARANCES -- THEIR EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM, FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW -- HAVE PAVED THE WAY FOR FURTHER PROGRAMMING OF THIS TYPE WHICH WE WILL CARRY OUT WITH SELECTIVITY AND CAUTION UNTIL EXACT PARAMETERS FOR THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM ARE DETERMINED.

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TERMINED. INFORMED ANALYSIS OF CURRENT U.S. PROBLEMS,

RATHER THAN THEORETICAL UNDERPINNING OF U.S. POLITICS GETS BEST RECEPTION HERE, ALTHOUGH THE TWO ADMITTEDLY CANNOT BE SEPARATED ENTIRELY.

2. A HIGHLIGHT OF THE DIAMOND VISIT WAS THEIR PROGRAM AT THE STEFAN GHEORGHIU ACADEMY (HIGHER PARTY SCHOOL) WHICH PROVIDED TIMELY FOLLOWUP TO THE AMBASSADOR'S RECENTLY ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH LEONTE RAUTU, RECTOR OF THE ACADEMY. THE DIAMONS' APPEARANCE MARKED THE FIRST TIME THE EMBASSY CARRIED OUT A PROGRAM AT THAT INSTITUTION ON A POLITICAL TOPIC WHICH WAS IN THIS SENSE A TRAIL-BLAZING ADVENTURE. WHILE THERE, THE DIAMONDS ENGAGED THE TOP FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF THE ACADEMY IN DISCUSSION OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS WHICH WE FEEL OPENED NEW PERCEPTIONS AND PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICAL AND HISTORICAL ISSUES. THE DIAMONDS ALSO ENGAGED IN OTHER SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSIONS AT THE ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, THE INSTITUTE OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES, THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL SCIENCES AND NATIONALITY PROBLEMS, THE NICOLAE IORGA INSTITUTE OF HISTORY, AND THE ROMANIAN ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THEY ALSO SPOKE AT THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ON THE ROLE OF AMERICAN WOMEN AND ON THE SEPARATION OF POWERS IN PROGRAMS WHICH REPRESENTED UNIQUELY HIGH-CONTENT POLITICAL PROGRAM FOR THE LIBRARY.

3. A NOTABLE FEATURE OF THE DIAMONDS' VISIT WAS THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT AFFORDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE EMBASSY TO CARRY OUT DIRECT CONTACTS WITH IMPORTANT ROMANIAN PARTY FUNCTIONARIES, SCHOLARS, JOURNALISTS, MILITARY OFFICERS AND STUDENTS. AMONG THE SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS IN THIS CONNECTION WERE THOSE WITH PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR MIRCEA MALITA, WHO HELD A SMALL MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND THE DIAMONDS; MIHNEA GHEORGHIU, PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY OF POLITICAL

AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (A FREQUENT EMBASSY CONTACT) WHO MET WITH THE DIAMONDS IN HIS ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE REP; AND ION CETERCHI (LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT). ALL ARE FULL CENTRAL COMMITTEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMBERS.

4. PROFESSOR MARTIN DIAMOND'S EXCEPTIONAL ARTICULATENESS, COMMAND OF HIS SUBJECT, ENJOYMENT OF THRUST AND PARRY, AND EVER-PRESENT GOOD HUMOR PRODUCED AN ENORMOUSLY STIMULATING AND HELPFUL IMPACT AND PROVIDED MANY ROMANISN WITH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR GOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES AND EVENTS SUCH AS THE WATERGATE AFFAIR, RESIGNATION

OF PRESIDENT NIXON, THE NAMING OF VICE PRESIDENT
ROCKEFELLER AND OTHER INSTITUTIONAL UNIQUENESS OF OUR
SYSTEM THAT PROVIDE FOR ORDERLY TRANSFER OF POWER.

5. WE BELIEVE MRS. DIAMOND'S PROGRAMS COULD HAVE BEEN
MORE EFFECTIVE IF SHE HAD BEEN BRIEFED MORE THOROUGHLY
AND GIVEN MORE TIME TO PREPARE LECTURES FOR WOMEN HERE
WHICH IS NOT HER FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION. AS A RESULT OF
THE UNIQUE PROCEDURES FOR "DISCOURSE" HERE, HER TALK AT
THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ON THE ROLE OF AMERICAN WOMEN DID
NOT ENGENDER ANY INTERPLAY OF EXCHANGE OF IDEAS. ROMANIAN
WOMEN LEADERS PRESENT MERELY RECITED FOR MRS. DIAMOND
AFTER HER LECTURE STATISTICS ABOUT THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN
ROMANIA BUT NEVER ENGAGED IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION.

6. ACCORDINGLY, THE DIAMONDS' VISIT WAS, ON BALANCE,
MOST SUCCESSFUL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FOLLOW-UP WITH
STAG AARON WILDAVSKY AND VOLUNTEER SPEAKERS SAUL PADOVER,
JACK BEHRMAN, RICHARD WADE, PETER DREYER (POSSIBLY)
MRS. ABRAHAM CHAYES AS WELL AS OTHER SPECIALISTS IN THE
COMING WEEKS. WE ARE MINDFUL, HOWEVER, THAT WE MUST
STILL GUARD AGAINST OVERLOADING THE CIRCUIT HERE WITH
SPEAKERS IN AREAS WHICH ARE POLITICALLY AND IDEOLOGICALLY

SENSITIVE.
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